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Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of  
Reasons for Allowance dated June 30, 2004.

The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of  
Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the  
present invention are patentable over the references in the  
record. The Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's  
Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment  
is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope,  
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